

# **HARTLEPOOL**

## **FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**Season 1976-77**



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**FRIENDLY MATCH**

**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**

**Tuesday, 10th May, 1977**

**Kick-off: 7-15 p.m.**

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**Official Match Magazine**

**5p**

# Hartlepool Football Club Limited

VICTORIA GROUND, HARTLEPOOL

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## BILLY HORNER WRITES



Before discussing one or two things concerning our own club, I would like to express our gratitude to the directors and the players of Sheffield Wednesday for agreeing to come here for tonight's match.

A particular word of thanks must be extended to Len Ashurst and Tony Toms, now in charge at Hillsborough. They are no strangers to the Victoria Ground and I am sure you will all wish to give them a typical friendly welcome back to the area.

Unfortunately, not everything I have to say tonight is on a pleasant note. Our win at Southport on Saturday was marred by incidents totally separate from the game, some of them going on outside the ground about an hour before the kick-off.

I am referring to incidents which resulted in two of Southport's programme sellers going taken to hospital after being attacked before the game. I didn't see the incident, so I can't comment on what happened, but I have been told that the pair were beaten up by bunches of Hartlepool supporters.

There was also a minor threat at half-time when some people from Hartlepool got themselves in trouble with a group of youths outside the ground.

I would like to stress to everybody that people who go in for this sort of activity for their enjoyment are not welcome as Hartlepool fans either at home or away. To beat up programme sellers before a game is totally inexcusable, and if it is true that this was done by our fans, then I would like to tell them that the club does not wish to be associated with them.

There were about three coaches of fans at the game, and only one of them was organised by the club's Supporters Association. They were not involved because they didn't arrive at the ground until about 2-30, some time after the incidents.

I will not go into the usual routine of stressing that the small minority who cause trouble earn a bad name for dozens of innocent fans. All I will say is that these people are extremely fortunate they did not cause permanent damage to the people they attacked.

To anybody who gets involved in this sort of trouble this club has only one message — stay away from us.

I would like to close by talking to our real fans — those who have turned up tonight and those who go to games to watch football and cheer us on. We have not had a good season, there is no hiding that, but I am sure Len Ashurst and Tony Toms will know what I mean when I say that we owe a lot to those faithful supporters who continue to watch us.

Len had his ups and downs during his days here, but I remember him once telling me that he had a lot of time for the club's fans. The same goes for me, and I can only hope that after a disappointing 1976-77, we can look forward to better times in 1977-78.

You can rest assured that every effort will be made between now and then to secure a stronger first team pool, and you can look tonight at some of the club's promising young players in action.

Hartlepool fans deserve success — and everybody at the Victoria Ground is determined to fight for that next season.

# Hartlepool F.C. Needs YOU

Will you play your part in the revival of interest in League Football in Hartlepool?

Will you make your own personal contribution towards keeping your local Club on the Football Map and help it to make strides towards a brighter future?

Consider what you can do by joining the NEW Hartlepool United Supporters Association:

- 1 Help make YOUR Football Club a proud reality which will help keep YOUR town on the map.
- 2 Cut your living costs by getting attractive discount rates on goods offered to members by many local traders.
- 3 Take advantage of organised trips to away games and other events.
- 4 Participate in any social activities which will be announced regularly for members.
- 5 Enjoy the benefits of being an Official Club Supporter and the advantages this can bring you.
- 6 Help us to show the rest of the Football World that we, the sporting men and women of this area, are by tradition and example the best in the world.

THE DIRECTORS AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THE HELP TO THE CLUB IN DONATING THE MATCH BALL FOR THE FOLLOWING GAMES:—

1. Huddersfield (FLC), Readmans Industrial Services Ltd.
2. Exeter City, Betty and Mary Frankland
3. Bournemouth, Wheatley Hill Workmen's Club
4. Southend, K. Insulations Ltd.
5. Cambridge, Chrysler Acceptances Ltd.
6. Rochdale, Mr. W. Pitt
7. Huddersfield, Batchelor Robinson Work Force
8. Stockport County, BBC Cleveland Staff
9. Darlington, Jack Hatfield & Sons, Sports Outfitter, M'boro
10. Doncaster, Arthur Jones & Co., Electrical Wholesalers, M'boro
11. Crewe Alexandra, BTP Tioxide Ltd. Staff, Greatham Works, H'pool
12. Workington, Foster Garton Ltd., South Bank
13. Halifax Town, Appleyard Van Hire, Thornaby

## Hartlepool

BLUE SHIRTS WHITE SHORTS



## Sheffield W.

Shirts : Yellow

Shorts : Yellow

<b>EDGAR Eddie</b>	<b>1 TURNER Chris</b>
<b>CREAMER Peter</b>	<b>2 WALDON Richard</b>
<b>WIGGETT David</b>	<b>3 RUSHBURY David</b>
<b>O'DONNELL John</b>	<b>4 CUSAK David</b>
<b>SMITH Trevor</b>	<b>5 DOWD Hugh</b>
<b>SIMPKIN Chris</b>	<b>6 LENAN Dennis</b>
<b>SCAIFE Bobby</b>	<b>7 WYLDE Roger</b>
<b>CUNNINGHAM David</b>	<b>8 JOHNSON Jeff</b>
<b>TURNBULL Terry</b>	<b>9 TYNON Tommy</b>
<b>POSKETT Malcolm</b>	<b>10 POTTS Eric</b>
<b>BIELBY Paul</b>	<b>11 HOWSON Philip</b>
<b>GOAD Alan</b>	<b>12 DAVIS John</b>

Substitute

Referee

**Mr. T. Farley (Aycliffe)**

Linesmen

**Mr. R. H. Bell (Peterlee)—Orange Flag**

**Mr. K. P. Barker (Hartlepool)—Red Flag**

# STRONGARM!

***A WINNER AT HOME OR AWAY***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Our Next Game here at the Victoria Ground**

**BARNESLEY**

**Saturday, 14th MAY, 1977**

**kick-off 3-00 p.m.**